

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Chesterfield County is the most populous jurisdiction in the Richmond metropolitan area. Its estimated population as of Jan. 1, 2005, was 291,000. Although Chesterfield County's growth rate slowed significantly during the 1990s, it has increased more rapidly since 2000.

The racial composition of the county has been changing. Between 1990 and 2000, the white population decreased from 85 percent of the total population to about 75 percent, while the black population increased from 13 percent to 18 percent. The Hispanic population grew the most rapidly, increasing over 200 percent. However, Hispanics still comprise only 3 percent of the total population. The Asian population also grew, and comprises approximately 2.5 percent of the total population.

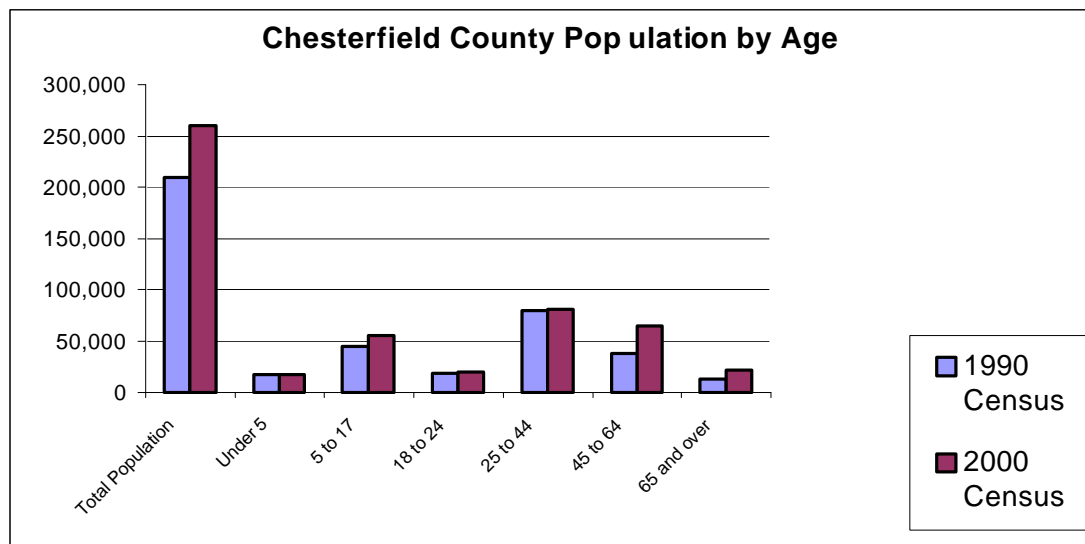
People aged 45 and older comprised the most rapidly growing segment of the county's population between 1990 and 2000. Children under age 18 comprised 28 percent of the total population in 2000.

Single-parent households headed by a male grew the most rapidly, increasing 70 percent between 1990 and 2000, but they comprise only 5 percent of households with children.

Chesterfield County Population by Age

	1990 Census	2000 Census	Percentage of 2000 Population	Percentage Change
Total population	209,274	259,903		+ 24%
Under 5	16,834	17,513	7%	+ 4%
5-17	44,101	55,941	22%	+ 27%
Total under 18	60,935	73,454	28%	+ 21%
18-24	18,720	19,896	8%	+ 6%
25-44	79,280	80,972	31%	+ 2%
45-64	37,524	64,601	25%	+72%
65 and older	12,815	21,007	8%	+64%
Median age	31.9	35.7		

Source: Chesterfield County Planning Department



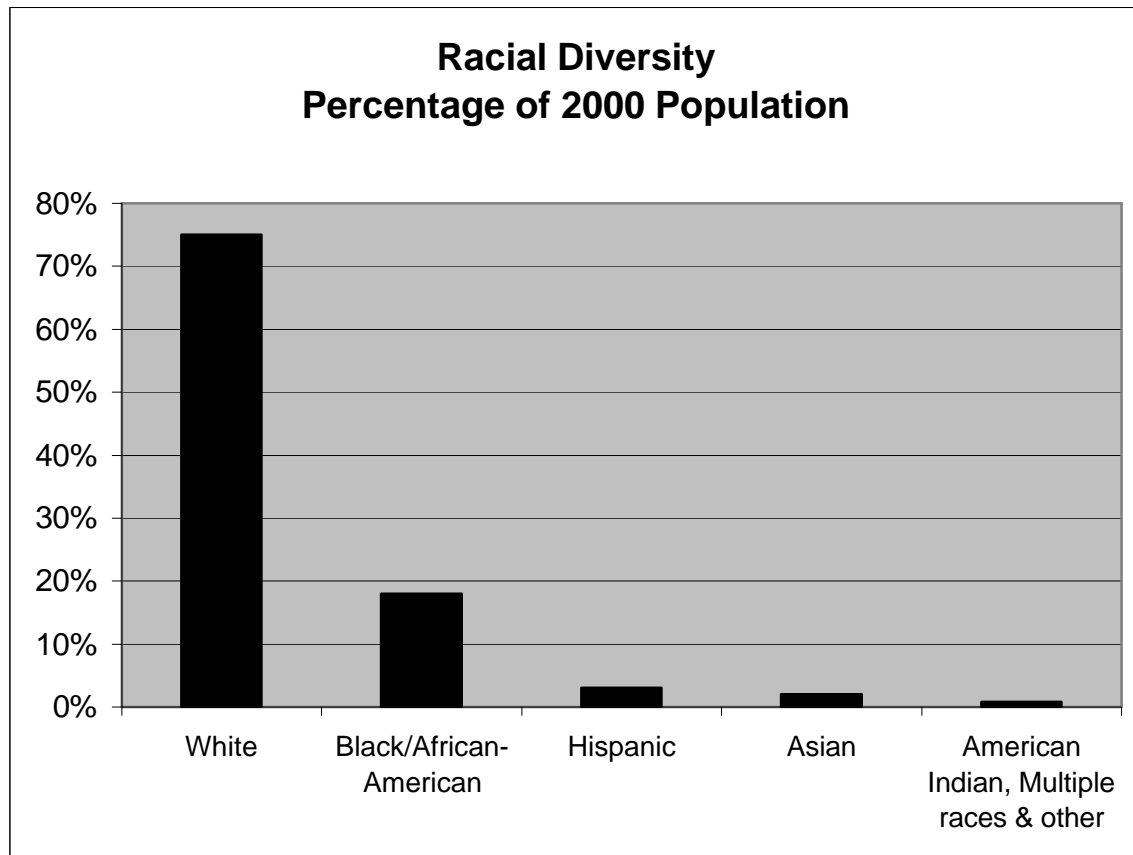
Chesterfield County Racial Diversity

	1990 Census	2000 Census	Percentage of 2000 Population	Percentage Change
White	177,067	196,076	75%	+ 11%
Black/African-American	27,196	45,797	18%	+ 68%
Hispanic	2,511	7,617	3%	+ 203%
Asian	3,738	6,123	2%	+ 64%
American Indian	487	795	0.3%	+ 63%
Other*	786	472	0.4%	- 40%
Multiple races**		3,023	1%	
Total	209,274	259,903		+ 24%

Source: Chesterfield County Planning Department

* This category may have decreased because of the new "Multiple Races" category in the 2000 census.

** New category in 2000 census



Chesterfield County Households

	1990 Census	2000 Census	Percentage Change
Total households	73,441	93,772	+ 28%
Total households without children under 18	38,911	52,895	+ 36%
Total households with children under 18	34,530	38,203	+ 18%
Married couples	28,152	29,652	+ 5%
Female-Headed	4,974	6,687	+ 34%
Male-Headed	1,096	1,864	+ 70%
Mean family size	3.18	3.11	

Source: Chesterfield County Planning Department

Population Growth in Chesterfield County, 1997-2005 (as of Jan. 1)

	Total Population	Total Increase	Annual Growth Rate
1997	248,000	5,300	2.20%
1998	251,800	3,800	1.50%
1999	254,200	2,400	1%
2000	258,500	4,300	1.70%
2001	264,000	5,500	2.20%
2002	271,000	7,000	2.70%
2003	278,000	7,000	2.70%
2004	284,000	6,000	2.16%
2005	291,000	7,000	2.46%

Source: Chesterfield County Planning Department

